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Letter dated 22 October 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the "Special communiqué on the question of the Malvinas Islands", adopted at the twenty-third Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, held in Panama City on 18 and 19 October 2013 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 44, concerning the question of the Malvinas Islands.

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Twenty-third Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, Panama City, 18 and 19 October 2013

Special communiqué on the question of the Malvinas Islands

The Heads of State and Government of the Ibero-American countries, meeting in Panama City on the occasion of the twenty-third Ibero-American Summit:

Reaffirm the need for the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume negotiations as soon as possible with a view to finding an early solution to the sovereignty dispute over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, within the framework of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations and the Organization of American States and the provisions and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations, including the principle of territorial integrity. They also underscore the constant willingness of the Argentine Republic to engage in dialogue.

With regard to the unilateral actions being taken by the United Kingdom for the exploration and exploitation of renewable and non-renewable resources in the disputed area, they recall the international community's calls for the two parties to refrain from taking decisions that would imply introducing unilateral modifications in the situation of the Malvinas Islands, in accordance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 31/49, as such decisions are in no way conducive to the attainment of a definitive solution to the territorial dispute.

They note that the reinforcement of the military presence in the disputed area, in violation of the aforementioned resolution 31/49, runs counter to the consistent policy of seeking a peaceful settlement of the territorial dispute between the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Consequently, they underscore the successive General Assembly resolutions urging the Secretary-General to use his good offices with a view to the resumption of negotiations for the purpose of finding a peaceful solution to the above-mentioned dispute as soon as possible.